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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFLE

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SUBJECT: SCHAUFLE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA

1. LOW AND I FLEW TO MULUNGUSHI WHERE WE MET WITH THE PRESIDENT, CHONA AND KASANDA. BEFORE GOING THROUGH THE TALKING POINTS, I MENTIONED I WOULD BE GOING TO MAURITIUS BECAUSE WE THOUGHT WE OUGHT TO BRIEF, IN GENERAL TERMS, THE OAU PRESIDENT. HE AGREED. IN REPLY TO MY QUESTION ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF THE SOMALI PROPOSAL FOR AN OAU SESSION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, KAUNDA SAID HE HAD OPPOSED IT AND THOUGHT IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT THE NEEDED TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY WOULD BE OBTAINED.

2. KAUNDA WAS BOTH POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING IN RESPONDING TO MY STATEMENT WHICH FOLLOWED THE TALKING POINTS. ON NAMIBIA HE SAID IT WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO AFRICA AND THE THIRD WORLD THAT THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE UN WAS PAYING FOR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE BE MAINTAINED. SO LONG AS SWAPO COULD MAKE THIS POINT, HE DID NOT THINK THE PROBLEM OF AN

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"INVITATION" TO IT, WHICH I HAD RAISED, WAS SUCH A DIFFICULT

ONE. HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE AND SATISFACTION WITH THE PAPER ON NAMIBIA, REPEATING A NUMBER OF TIMES THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT POINTS 3 AND 6 WERE MAINTAINED AND THE US WAS COMMITTED TO SEE THAT SOUTH AFRICA ACCEPTS THEM. BOTH HE AND CHONA CALLED ATTENTION TO THE PHRASE THAT WALDHEIM WOULD "CALL THE CONFERENCE." THEY WERE EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH THIS FORMULATION. THE PRESIDENT NOTED THAT THIS, TOGETHER WITH ASSURANCES ON POINTS 3 AND 6, MEANT THAT HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE NAMIBIA PROPOSALS; THAT HE WOULD SEE TO IT THAT SWAPO WENT ALONG WITH IT, AND, AT ANOTHER POINT, THAT HE WOULD SPEAK TO NYERERE AND SEE TO IT THAT WE GET ACCEPTANCE. ON THE MATTER OF YOUR POSSIBLE MEETING WITH SAM NUJOMA IN NEW YORK, KAUNDA ASKED ME TO PASS ON TO YOU HIS STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU YOURSELF MEET WITH HIM. THIS, HE SAID, IS THE PSYCHOLOGICAL MOMENT TO DO SO AND HE BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD "SEAL THE THING."

3. KAUNDA MENTIONED FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS WHOSE COMMENTS MADE IN LUSAKA THIS MORNING WERE SO NEGATIVE. HE SAID THE ZAMBIANS HAD NOT BRIEFED HIM ABOUT THE PROPOSALS BECAUSE THEY FELT THEY SHOULD FIRST INFORM MACHEL. THEY DID NOT, THEREFORE, PUT MUCH WEIGHT ON THEM AND EXPLAINED THAT THEY WOULD BE MEETING WITH THE OTHER FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS BY THE WEEKEND OR MONDAY AT THE LATEST. HE WELCOMED THE FACT THAT I WOULD BE IN BOTSWANA TUESDAY WHERE HE WOULD DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING WITH ME.

4. THE RHODESIAN QUESTION OF PRIORITIES BETWEEN A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE AND A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, THE PRESIDENT SAID, WAS ONE OF APPROACH. THEY ARE USED TO THE BRITISH APPROACH OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCES WHICH WAS FOLLOWED IN THE KENYA AND CYPRUS CASES AS WELL AS THEIR OWN. THEY HAVE ALL HAD TO GO THROUGH ENDLESS TALKS AND SEVERAL TRIPS TO LONDON. THE PROCESS HAS SHAPED THEIR THINKING. THE IMPORTANT POINT WAS WHETHER SMITH WOULD SAY YES TO THE US PROPOSAL. ONCE THAT WAS DONE, HE SAID, WE COULD REST ASSURED WE WOULD HAVE HIS SUPPORT AND THAT "WE WOULD MOVE EVERYTHING." BUT HE CAUTIONED THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH A POWERFUL REBEL GROUP AND A MAN WHO HAS AROUSED MANY SUSPICIONS. ONCE HE HAS SAID YES, HE AGREES WE MUST CAPTURE THE MOMENT

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WHILE IT IS FRESH.

5. I NOTED THAT DURING THE FIRST TALKS WITH SMITH, HE HAD TRIED TO PROPOSE TO NO AVAIL A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD MEET WITHIN A MONTH. BOTH KAUNDA AND CHONA APPEARED IMPRESSED BY THIS AND THE PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD BEAR IN MIND YOUR "ANXIETIES" ON THIS QUESTION WHEN HE MET WITH THE OTHER FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS.

6. THE PRESIDENT MENTIONED OUR MESSAGE ON NKOMO'S POSSIBLE RETURN TO RHODESIA, SAYING HE HAD SPOKEN TO HIM SUBSEQUENT TO THE MESSAGE AND RECEIVED HIS WORD THAT HE WOULD DO NOTHING TO JEOPARDIZE THE PROCESS, THOUGH NKOMO WAS GOING TO GO AHEAD AND GO TO RHODESIA. KAUNDA EXPLAINED THAT NKOMO'S ANXIETY IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT IN THE PAST HE HAD BEEN BLAMED AS THE WEAK LINK IN THE NATIONALIST MOVEMENT AND HE DOES NOT WANT TO GET HIMSELF TAGGED THAT WAY AGAIN. THAT IS WHY HE HAS TALKED ABOUT "FLAWS" IN THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS. IT IS NOT A DIFFICULT POINT BUT JUST THEIR WAY OF MAINTAINING SOME RESERVATIONS WHILE THEY WAIT TO SEE IF SMITH IS REALLY GOING TO ACCEPT. I SAID WE COULD UNDERSTAND WHY HE FELT THE NEED FOR SUCH PUBLIC STATEMENTS BUT NOTED THEY COULD CREATE THE WRONG PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE IF NOT CLEARLY THOUGHT OUT.

7. IN EXPRESSING MY APPRECIATION TO THE PRESIDENT FOR MEETING WITH ME AND PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION TO MULUNGUSHI, HE APOLOGIZED WRONGLY FOR MAKING US TRAVEL ON A SOVIET HELICOPTER. I NOTED THAT THE LEVEL OF SOVIET ATTACKS ON US APPEARED TO BE GROWING STEADILY. HE COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD THINK THAT EVEN THEY WOULD TAKE NOTE OF WHAT OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS ARE SAYING AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.

8. IN TAKING LEAVE OF US THE PRESIDENT ASKED THAT I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR EFFORTS OVER THE LAST WEEKS. "WE ARE ALL HOPING AND PRAYING AND WAITING FOR SMITH'S STATEMENT TOMORROW", HE SAID.

9. COMMENT: I FOUND KAUNDA EVEN MORE FIRMLY POSITIVE THAN HE WAS ON MONDAY. HE GAVE THE VERY DEFINITE IMPRESSION OF SOMEONE PREPARED TO WORK HARD FOR ACCEPTANCE OF OUR PROPOSALS
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PROVIDED SMITH MAKES THE APPROPRIATE STATEMENT FRIDAY.

10. GIVEN HIS KEY ROLE IN THIS PROCESS AND HIS PREFERENCE THAT YOU YOURSELF SEE NUJOMA, I RECOMMEND THAT YOU TRY TO FIT IT INTO YOUR NEW YORK SCHEDULE.
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